

8. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 wherein the monobasic acid is selected from the group consisting of alcohols, acid, hydrogenated alcohols, and their salts.

9. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 wherein the monobasic acid is selected from the group consisting of rosins, hydrogenated rosins and disproportionated rosins.

10. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 wherein the metal M is copper or zinc.

11. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 wherein the ratio of the monobasic acid to the acrylic resin constituting the metal-containing acrylic resin is 0.9:1.1 to 1.2:0.8 by weight on a nonvolatile matter basis.

Please add the following new claims:

13. (New) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 comprising an additional binder resin in a weight ratio, on a nonvolatile basis, of metal-containing acrylic resin: additional binder resin of 100:0 to 90:10.

14. (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 2 wherein the acrylic resin has a glass transition temperature of 80°C or less, and the acid has a glass transition temperature of not higher than 80°C.

15. (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 2 wherein the monobasic acid has an acid value of less than 200 mg KOH/g.

16. (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 2 wherein the monobasic acid has an acid value of less than 200 mg KOH/g.

17 (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 2 wherein the monobasic acid has a diterpenoid hydrocarbon skeleton or a salt thereof.

18 (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 3 wherein the monobasic acid has a diterpenoid hydrocarbon skeleton or a salt thereof.

19 (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 4 wherein the monobasic acid has a diterpenoid hydrocarbon skeleton or a salt thereof.

20 (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 5 wherein the monobasic acid has a diterpenoid hydrocarbon skeleton or a salt thereof.

21 (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 6 wherein the monobasic acid has a diterpenoid hydrocarbon skeleton or a salt thereof.

REMARKS

The Claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to improve clarity. None of these amendments is believed to involve any substantive matter.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered, that the application as so amended receive an examination on the merits, and that the claims herein presented be given the benefit of the prior art.

Respectfully submitted,



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